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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but overall available. The main topic of conversation centered on Hurricane Ivan and the damaging effects it can have on production in the Gulf region. Plant operations in Ivan's path have been stopped or reduced, and truck availability may tighten. In the parts structure, movement was light. Breast items were adequate to at times ample and discounted, and wings were moving well. Dark meat was adequate to better balanced for leg quarters and legs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 78.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on September 17, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	232.00
BREASTS - B/S	181.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	111.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was mostly light to fair, best for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. The main issue concerns Hurricane Ivan and its possibly damaging effects. Processors in its path are planning to stop productions, resulting in potential shortages afterwards. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best. Breast items were fully sufficient to ample, dark meat was available, and wings were moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were balanced, but the larger sizes ranged adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. Trade sentiment was unsettled as dealers in the Northeast monitored developments in the South as hurricane Ivan approaches the Gulf coast disrupting regional production and shipping. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and discounted to clear. Bone-in breasts were fully sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were adequate. Drumsticks and thighs were available. Wings were generally sufficient.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was unsettled as reports of approaching hurricane in Gulf region predict the worse. Offerings were adequate with buyers and sellers assessing needs and implications of impending storm developments closely. Trade activity was generally hand to mouth with a few receiverships increasing out-front needs as a precaution on product disruption due to hurricane. Overall, market activity was noted as light to occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were in a desirable range. Offerings of wings were irregular, whole and boneless/skinless breasts plentiful and dark meat lines adequate. The market tone was generally cautious with wings and dark meat cuts mostly steady and steady to weak on the balance.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate overall with excess product difficult to place. Retailer demand generally moderate best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. Parts were about steady to weak with breast in the weakest position.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/11/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	202,346	195,084	+04
CHICKS PLACED	174,288	168,773	+03

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 11, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 11, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 11, 2004 were 6.38 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Oct-04 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 160.3 million head the previous week and to 158.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.82 cents per pound.

SEP 14, 2004

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 15, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	270	175.00-245.00	-	198.24	TENDERLOINS	275	175.00-240.00	-	194.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	84.00-120.00	89-93	90.61	BREAST - LINE RUN	101	84.00-105.00	89-93	90.36
FRONT HALVES	95	50.00-63.00	-	56.95	FRONT HALVES	80	49.00-62.00	-	54.25
LEGS	59	32.00-51.00	32-34	35.49	LEGS	73	32.00-51.00	32-34	35.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	483	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.36	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	508	23.00-30.00	25-26	26.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	915	25.00-33.00	27-28	27.82	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-110.00	90-93	96.10	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-110.00	90-93	96.02
WINGS (CUT)	355	110.00-119.00	113-119	115.73	WINGS (CUT)	365	112.00-119.00	113-119	116.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 \*WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

Sep 14, 2004

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

Sep 15, 2004

5-DAY AVERAGE

36.50 - 46.50

41.16

36.00 - 46.00

40.16

41.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was very light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained available at discounted levels and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available with legs and leg quarters noted in the better balance. Wings were generally sufficient but clearing well. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. Trade sentiment was unsettled as dealers in the Northeast eyed the impending hurricane in the Southern region and monitored developments. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and mostly steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

Sep 14

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	144.95	568,766
TENDERLOINS	185-190	175.00	102,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	91.61	119,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	86.68	127,280
LEGS	45-46	40.41	206,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.70	488,890
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	38.57	100,760
THIGHS	24-25	42.80	111,080
B/S THIGHS	69-70	68.29	58,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.77	82,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	33,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.54	18,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.41	28,820

Sep 15

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	148.46	440,455
TENDERLOINS	185-190	170.85	117,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	93.54	99,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	87.53	79,680
LEGS	45-46	43.55	149,479
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	32.72	339,656
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	41.83	118,240
THIGHS	24-25	37.96	109,680
B/S THIGHS	69-70	66.47	37,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	110.79	77,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.15	31,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.39	23,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.35	17,920

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	09/14	(1,000)	09/13	(1,000)	09/10	09/08	09/06		
Alabama	4,107	4,119	3,990	4,652	5.34	5.28	4,114	4.62		
Arkansas	5,190	5,173	5,297	7,527	5.28	5.20	5,411	(A)		
Delmarva	2,258	2,313	2,344	2,487	5.78	5.56	2,263	(A)		
KY-LA-TN	1,979	2,114	2,214	2,610	5.15	4.81	2,055	(A)		
Mississippi	3,103	3,104	3,054	3,541	5.59	5.48	3,057	5.18		
North Carolina	2,427	2,298	2,322	3,099	6.50	6.36	2,435	6.12		
Texas	2,465	2,464	2,519	3,704	5.27	5.21	2,512	5.18		
Total	21,529	21,585	21,740	27,620	5.50	5.38	21,847	5.07		
Mon-Wed	64,796(B)						51,825(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Sep-04 is estimated to be 32,210,000 head down 1.75 percent from a week ago and up 0.51 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,784,000, last year 32,045,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73-79

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	116
ICE PACK	107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-109
ICE PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	93-95
DRY PACK	170-185
DUCKS	

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-04

	CURRENT WEEK 09/18/04 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/11/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	169,891 (2)	153,951
LT HENS	1,428	1,206
HVY HENS	1,531	1,317
TOTAL	172,850	156,474

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Sep-04 is 163.4 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.2 million head or 6.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Sept-04 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 09/12/04	194,494	56,937
AM 09/01/04	184,056	56,558
CHG	10,438	379
PCT CHG	6	1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/13/04	09/07/04	09/15/03	09/13/04	09/07/04	09/15/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	20,796	21,147	21,079	5,387	5,221	5,232
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	357	347	478	3,616	3,752	2,768

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/14/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.46	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.85	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.40	1.45	1.42	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	.90	.78	RABBITS ea.	1.00	2.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	5.25	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.50	3.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	63						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 10, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	66.99	117.52	70.51	11.75	11.75	43.09
High	67.77	125.36	82.26	15.67	15.67	43.09
Mostly	67.38	125.36	78.35	13.71	15.67	43.09

**SAN JUAN**

Low	66.60	121.44	82.26	11.75	7.83	43.87
High	68.16	129.27	86.18	19.59	13.71	43.87
Mostly	67.38	125.36	86.18	15.67	11.75	43.87

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	67.38	121.44	70.51	11.75	9.79	45.05
High	68.55	129.27	82.26	19.59	13.71	45.05
Mostly	67.38	125.36	78.35	15.67	11.75	45.05

**BECERRA**

Low	67.38	121.44	78.35	11.75	11.75	45.05
High	68.95	129.27	86.18	19.59	19.59	45.05
Mostly	67.38	129.27	86.18	15.67	15.67	45.05

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and typical of normal lighter mid-week buying activity. Seller offerings were adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. The market tone was generally unsettled due to a rapidly approaching category 5 hurricane in the Southeast which was causing some plants to close early, and hampering an already tight trucking situation. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	59-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.03
NO. OF BOXES	8,470

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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